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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the above-named Parish Council will be held by Zoom video commencing at 7 pm on Tuesday **29 September** 2020 and Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business. The link to the meeting is: https://zoom.us/i/9990790797

Signed

Sharon Clayton MPA, BA (Hons), Fellow SLCC

Clerk

Date of issue: 22 September 2020

AGENDA

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1. Chairman's Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence

3. Police Report

To receive a report from the local policing team

4. Shropshire Council

To receive a report from Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow

5. Public Participation

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to make representations to the Parish Council on matters included on the agenda or which are of public interest

6. Minutes

To consider and approve the minutes from a Parish Council meeting held on 25 August 2020

7. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members are required to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at this meeting and which is not included in the Register of Interests. Members should leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the monitoring officer.



Members are reminded that there is no requirement to update their DPIs unless a discussion takes place that relates to any interest declared on their DPI.

8. Dispensations

To consider and approve any requests for dispensations

9. Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

To receive any declarations of acceptance of gifts and hospitality

10. Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

To **NOTE** the following:

19/05552/FUL	Erection of two storey dwelling and detached garage (retrospective application
Proposed residential	made under Section 73A of the Town 7 Country Planning Act) for a change of
development on land at	house type to that approved under 16/01094/REM
Maesbury Marsh	Permission GRANTED 25 August 2020
	The Parish Council objected on the basis that the original application was
	refused. The Council is also disappointed at the loss of a Saxon hedgerow and
	would like to see the hedgerow replaced.

b) Planning Applications

To consider and approve a response to the following:

20/03229/FUL	Erection of outbuilding for domestic storage; formation of hardstanding and
The Waen Farm, Maesbury	parking to include change of us of land
Marsh	

NOTE: Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website will also be considered in order to meet response timeframes.

11. Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Clerk

12. Financial Matters

To consider and approve:

- a) Income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 31 August 2020
- b) Payments for September 2020 (details to follow)

13. Trefonen Old Cemetery

To consider and approve the installation of signs indicating that there are Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) war graves in the cemetery at Trefonen (Cllr. Bob Kimber)

14. Damage to Verges Hedgerows

To receive an update concerning damage to verges and hedgerows

15. Speeding at Coed Y Go

- a) To receive an update on speeding issues from the Road Safety Working Group and to approve any actions required
- b) To consider and approve the installation of a traffic/speed counter at Coed Y Go

16. 20mph Speed Limit Outside Trefonen C of E Primary School

To consider and approve a request to support the introduction of a 20mph speed limit outside Trefonen C of E Primary School

17. Offa's Dyke Footpath through Nantmawr

To consider issues relating to the Offa's Dyke footpath in Nantmawr (Cllr. Phil May)



18. Remembrance 2020

To consider and approve plans for this year's Remembrance Service

19. Consultation

To consider and approve a response to the following consultation:

- a) Local Plan Review further information available at: https://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-partial-review-2016-2036/
- b) Shropshire Council's Draft Leisure Facilities Strategy further information available at: https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/leisure-facilities-strategy

20. Correspondence

To receive and **NOTE** correspondence emailed to Members including the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information
- b) Information concerning the coronavirus

21. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members are invited to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

22. Dates for Next Meeting

To NOTE that the next meeting will take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 27 October 2020

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted it will be PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the public and press should not be present

23. Land/Property Ownership

- a) To receive information concerning the registration of the water pump at Crickheath
- b) To consider and approve actions required concerning leases for:
 - i. Morda and Sweeney Village Hall
 - ii. Morda Playing Field
 - iii. Trefonen Village Hall

24. Staffing

To **NOTE** that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2020-2021 to be implemented from 1 April 2020 and, as the Clerk's Employment Contract includes NJC Terms and Conditions, the Clerk will receive the agreed increase in salary in accordance with new pay scales

25. Planning Enforcement

To **NOTE** planning enforcement notifications received



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council meeting held at 7 pm on Tuesday 25 August 2020 by Zoom online video conference

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Peter Richardson, Cllr. Janet Barlow, Cllr. Pam Broomby, Cllr. John Davies, Cllr. Peter Davies, Cllr. Martin Jones, Cllr. Bob Kimber, Cllr. Les Maguire, Cllr. Claire Mahoney, Cllr. Phil May, Cllr. Paul Milner, Cllr Tony Milner, Cllr. Tracy Rowe.

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow Approximately 12 members of the public

776/20 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

777/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Elliot Roberts Jones who had a family commitment and Cllr. Robert Milton who had a work commitment.

These apologies were accepted and AGREED as APPROVED absence.

778/20 Co-option

Following the resignation of Shirley Jones, a casual vacancy had occurred and, as an election had not been called, the vacancy had to be filled by co-option. The Council had considered one application at the last meeting although the applicant was not co-opted and therefore the casual vacancy was re-advertised. Tracy Rowe had subsequently applied for co-option and the Chairman invited her to give a short presentation.

Tracy explained that she had lived locally all her life and had lived in her present residence for over 20 years. She had previously worked for Royal Mail for over 10 years in which time she had gained knowledge of the local community by chatting to them and hearing their concerns. She currently worked with people with learning difficulties which had highlighted their needs such as a requirement for dropped curbs. She felt her attributes would be beneficial in helping the local community as a councillor.

The Chairman asked for questions from Councillors and Tracy was asked what her connection was to Rhydycroesau as the casual vacancy was for the Rhydycroesau with Llanforda ward. Tracy said that she had delivered post in that area and learned that the community felt isolated with no infrastructure and, if she was co-opted, she would try to find out what their needs were. She was also happy to do the same at Racecourse.

After being put to the vote it was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **AGREED** that Tracy Rowe be co-opted to the Parish Council.

779/20 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly co-opted Member signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and held it up to the camera for the Clerk to see her signature. She was then invited to participate in the rest of the meeting.

780/20 Police Report

A written report was received from Oswestry Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team as follows:

- o 25 July 2020 theft of quadbike in the Croesau Bach area but no witnesses.
- 4 August 2020 two reports of a male going around Trefonen trying to sell items.
- 20 August 2020 a group of teenagers were seen in the play park in Morda suspected of trying to damage the equipment.

- 20 August 2020 3 males attempted to steal a generator within one of the compounds on Oswestry Industrial Estate. One person had been detained and arrested by the Police.
- o 21 August 2020 side of vehicle scratched in Trefonen but nothing captured on CCTV.

NOTED.

781/20 Shropshire Councillor Report

Cllr. Joyce Barrow had nothing to report.

NOTED.

782/20 Public Participation

One member of the public spoke on behalf of Trefonen Rural Protection Group whose response to Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review had been sent to Ward Councillors. He hoped their response was helpful and asked for the Council to contest Hub designation of the village and the guideline of 50 additional dwellings which they thought would have a severe negative impact for those living in Trefonen now and for future generations. He asked for the Council's support to reject those designations.

One member of the public wanted to follow up from his question asked at the last Council meeting on what the Council's thoughts are on how there could be better interactive discussions on big ticket items. Whilst he was told there would be further discussion later in the last meeting, he did not see that other than Councillors agreeing with the Clerk's answers to his written questions to the Council. He hoped that the Council would continue to have more interactive discussions with the public.

The Chairman suggested that the member of the public should try to nurture a relationship with the Trefonen and Morda Councillors and the Traffic Calming Working Group so that his views could be put forward during informal meetings. The Chairman suggested that trying to influence Councillors outside of Council meetings would be better than during a formal Council meeting which is restricted by legislation.

One member of the public commented on the Local Plan Review which states that cross subsidy housing is 70% affordable with 30% open market housing on sites not normally exceeding 10 dwellings. Residential developments need to provide on-site affordable housing at a rate of 10-20% therefore, cross subsidy will build 7 affordable houses in every 10 built, whilst residential developments will build 1 or 2 for every ten built. She thought that the number of affordable housing on residential developments should be increased.

783/20 Minutes

The minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 28 July 2020 were considered for approval. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

784/20 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

The following declarations were made:

COUNCILLOR	INTEREST
Peter Richardson	Close resident of Fairhaven Camping and Glamping
Pam Broomby	Golden Grove at Treflach

785/20 Dispensations

None requested.

786/20 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None declared.

787/20 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were **NOTED.**

19/03607/FUL Trefarclawdd Lodge, Coed Y Go,	Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of family annexe replacing previous double garage with roof store
Oswestry	over (re-submission)
	Permission REFUSED 17 August 2020
	The Parish Council had no comment until further information was available
20/02402/FUL	Erection of an agricultural storage shed
Land adjacent to Vine Cottage,	Permission REFUSED 10 August 2020
Middleton Road, Middleton,	The Parish Council supported this application
Oswestry	
20/02628/FUL	Erection of lean-to with a translucent roof and sides to provide a covered area
The Homestead, Morda Bank,	over the patio to front door of property
Morda	Permission GRANTED 21 August 2020
	The Parish Council had no objection to this application

b) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

20/02989/HHE	Erection of a single storey rear extension to semi-detached dwelling, dimensions
26 The Terraces, Morda,	5.10 metres beyond the rear wall, 4 metres maximum height, 2.3 metres high to
Oswestry	eaves.
	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.
20/03012/LBC	Installation of entrance gates and modifications to stone wall (amendments to
Penylan Hall, Penylan Lane,	previously approved 18/01428/LBC).
Oswestry	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.
20/03144/FUL	Renovation and partial re-build of attached outbuilding to form an extension to
Mill Farm, Croesau Bach,	the house together with a rear first floor extension and ground floor front
Oswestry	extension.
	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support the
	application and, in particular, the details set out on page 19 of the Bat Survey
	Report. However, the quality of the location plan was not very helpful with
	only a compass point and very little detail to identify its location.
Fairhaven Camping and	The Chairman, Cllr. Peter Richardson left the meeting before the following
Glamping, Maesbury	discussion took place and the Deputy Chairman, Cllr. Phil May chaired this part
	of the meeting.
	a) Following the last meeting the Chairman had asked the Clerk, on behalf of
	local residents, to submit a complaint to Natural England to contest a
	licence being granted to Fairhaven Camping and Glamping by Freedom
	Camping Club. The Clerk had received notification that the complaint
	registered on 6 August 2020 would take some time to fully assess as Natural
	England was awaiting further information from Freedom Camping.
	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Clerk be granted
	retrospective approval for submitting a complaint on behalf of the local
	community.
	b) Members considered whether any further action was required.
	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:
	 The Clerk should write to Philip Mullineux at Shropshire Council and
	ask for a response from Planning Enforcement following the Council's
	request for Article 4 to be invoked to rescind the 28-day permitted
	development and force a planning application on Fairhaven Camping
	and Glamping.
	 If a satisfactory written response was not received, Mr Mullineux
	should be invited to a future Council meeting to explain the situation.
	 The Council should write to the local MP, Owen Patterson and express
	concerns about activities at the camp site especially in terms of
	compliance with the current COVID-19 regulations.

	The Chairman, Cllr Peter Richardson returned to the meeting.				
20/03177/FUL	Cllr. Pam Broomby left the meeting during consideration of the following:				
Golden Grove, Treflach,					
Oswestry Removal of existing porch and erection of new extended porch and step					
	It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.				
	Cllr. Pam Broomby returned to the meeting				

788/20 Clerk's Report

Members received a written report from the Clerk on action taken following decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk also gave the following verbal update:

- With reference to minute no: 765/20(a) of last month's meeting where the Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council for their definition of its policy for affordable dwellings in the countryside, Shropshire Council had responded by referring to CS5 in the Local Plan.
- The Council's emails had been transferred to a new server and all Councillors would need to set up a new account with new passwords.
- The Council had received a small business support grant of £10,000 for the cemetery as part of the COVID-19 grant scheme.

NOTED.

The Clerk had written to the occupants of Wern Villa to ask if they had registered Crickheath water pump in their name and had received no response. The Council's solicitor had said that the pump had been registered to the property. However, there was a water pump within the property and the water pump that the Council was interested in was outside of the curtilage of the property and the solicitor might be confused.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- The Clerk should try to determine which water pump was registered to Wern Villa; the water pump within the property or the water pump outside of the property next to the old disused garage.
- The findings should be discussed at the next Council meeting.

789/20 Financial Matters

a) Income and expenditure and bank reconciliations

Members considered for approval income and expenditure and bank reconciliations up to 31 July 2020. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 31 July 2020 be APPROVED.

b) Payments for August 2020

Members considered for approval payments for August 2020.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments for the month of August 2020 be APPROVED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
		£
HMRC	PAYE/NI	168.52
Royce Landscapes	Grounds maintenance	615.00
Sharon Clayton	Salary/expenses/reimbursements	941.12
	TOTAL	1724.64

790/20 Asset of Community Value

Members received notification from Shropshire Council that, in accordance with Section 91 of the Localism Act 2011, paras. 2 and 9 of Statutory Instrument 2012 No. 2421, Local Government, England, The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, The Royal Oak at Treflach had been removed as an Asset of Community Value on 29 July 2020 due to the expiry of the 5-year period of listing

NOTED.

It was further AGREED that the Clerk should find out the expiry date of the Barley Mow.

791/20 Damage to Verges and Hedgerows

Members received a letter from a local resident expressing concern that tractors working within the Trefonen area were far too large for the narrow lanes and were damaging the verges which protect the hedgerows. There was also risk to pedestrians and cyclists and damage to Offa's Dyke.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to:

- Write to Owen Patterson MP to ask for legislation to be introduced to regulate the size of vehicles that can travel along narrow country lanes.
- Write to the local farmer expressing concern about the Dyke which needs to be preserved.
- Write to Shropshire Council to ask what can legally be done about the issue.

792/20 CIL Funds

Members considered what CIL funds were available for spending within the parish of Oswestry Rural. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that a project plan for the parish needed to be in place before CIL funds could be allocated.

793/20 Notice Board

Members had previously considered installing a new notice board at Sweeney although a suitable site had not been found. The Clerk advised that the notice board at the cemetery needed two people to open it safely because the door opened upwards and outwards. She suggested that it be replaced with the new one if a site could not be found at Sweeney.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that, provided it was feasible, the new notice board should be installed at the cemetery and the notice board at the cemetery should be moved to Sychtyn Ward.

794/20 Maesbury Bone Works

Cllr. Tony Milner said the roof on the bone works was still in a bad state and asked to defer this discussion until a response from Shropshire Council had been received as to whether it could be listed.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to defer further discussion until a response had been received from Shropshire Council about listing the building.

795/20 Update on Speeding at Coed Y Go

Members received notes from a meeting held on 3 August 2020 attended by Members of the Parish Council's Speeding Working Group and local residents. A discussion took place about what could be done to have a 30mph speed limit introduced and a number of actions were agreed. Another meeting was to be facilitated to discuss future actions.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that local residents should be asked to think about whether they would like a traffic/speed counter to be installed and their response would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

796/20 Speeding at Nantmawr

Members received a petition from local residents at Nantmawr asking the Parish Council to assist in the introduction of a 30mph speed limit. Cllr. Phil May offered to liaise with Llanyblodwell Parish Council since Nantmawr is a split village.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- The Speeding Working Group should assist with residents' concerns.
- Since this Working Group's remit not only encompassed speeding issues the Group should be renamed as the Safer Roads Working Group.

797/20 Policy Review

Members considered for approval delegating authority to the Clerk to review the Council's policies as required and that only those that needed changes should be considered by the Parish Council.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the Clerk would review policies as necessary and only policies that required changes should be considered by the Parish Council.

798/20 Pollution in the River Morda

Members considered correspondence from local residents concerned that there was pollution in the River Morda.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to write to Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency and ask whether pollution in the river had increased, decreased or stabilised since it was polluted in 2018 and how the level of pollution compared to other areas.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to suspend Standing Order number 3(x) to enable the meeting to exceed more than 2 hours.

799/20 Funding

Cllr. Paul Milner advised Members that various community grants were available for communities, including grants from the Environment Agency which must be people led, and funds from the PCC for traffic calming. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Cllr. Paul Milner would forward details to the Clerk to determine whether the Parish Council was eligible for any of these grants.

800/20 Consultation

Members considered for approval a response to the following consultation:

a) Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that Councillors representing each Ward should put forward their comments to the Clerk who would collate them for a response to be considered and approved at the next meeting.

- b) Shropshire Council's draft Housing Strategy **No response.**
- c) Planning White Paper: Planning for the future **No response.**

801/20 Correspondence

Members received the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information.
- b) Information concerning the coronavirus.
- c) Information from Shropshire Newsroom.NOTED.

802/20 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was AGREED that the following matters should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting:

- Local Plan Review consultation response.
- Offers Dyke footpath through Nantmawr (Cllr. Phil May)

803/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was NOTED that the next meeting would take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 29 September 2020.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

Cllr. John Davies left at this point in the meeting.

804/20 Notice Board at Trefonen

Members considered a quote to varnish the notice board at Trefonen. However, Members were advised that the notice board needed to be sanded down and some repair work carried out before varnishing. It also needed new glass fitted in the doors. Since the cost of remedial work seemed high in comparison to the cost of a new notice board;

it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED:

 To rescind the decision made earlier at minute number 793/20 and replace the notice board at Trefonen with the new notice board originally meant for installation at Sweeney. The notice board removed from Trefonen should be kept until a decision could be made about its future.

805/20 Planning Enforcement

Members **NOTED** a recent planning enforcement case.

806/20 Hand Pump at Aston Square

Members considered for approval quotes for the refurbishment of the hand pump at Aston Square. The pump had been carved from a tree many years ago, before metal pumps were available, and the wood was rotten and not in good enough condition to be varnished. The pump is of historical value and needs to be conserved. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that:

- The quote for works to prolong the life of the pump be accepted at a cost of £970 + VAT and additional costs considered at a future meeting should further work be required.
- The Clerk should apply for a grant for the refurbishment of the hand pump.

The meeting closed at	meeting closed at 21:31.					

Clerk's Monthly Report

The following is a report on action taken following decisions made at the last parish council meeting.

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
2019 February	283/19	Ask Shropshire Council for an update on the transfer of green spaces.	Yes	Awaiting response from Shropshire Council. There has been a change of officer responsibility and asset transfers have been held in abeyance.
July	422/19	Inform Shropshire Council that the Council would like to take on the undisputed land at Chapel Green.	Yes	Awaiting a response from Shropshire Council. See above.
2020 May	690/20(a)	Ownership of Morda Village Hall should be determined and registered with Land Registry.	Work in progress	Shropshire Council is dealing with this.
	696/20	Ask Shropshire Highways to impose a 30mph speed restriction in Coed y Go.	Yes	A request has been sent to Shropshire Council along with supporting photos of an accident and a response is awaited.
	719/20(b)	A compilation of Parish Council registered land should be presented to Members.	Work in progress	Awaiting information from Lanyon Bowdler.
July	748/20	Ask Lanyon Bowdler to confirm that the water pump at Crickheath has been registered to Wern Villa.	Yes	
August	787/20(b)	Respond to planning applications.	Yes	The Clerk has written to Planning Enforcement, Owen Patterson MP, and Natural England concerning the 28-day permitted development notice at Fairhaven Camping and Glamping. A response from Natural England is appended. The Clerk has also reported concerns about social distancing to Public Protection at Shropshire Council. Responses are awaited.
	790/20	Determine the expiry date of the Asset of Community Value for the Barley Mow.	Work in progress	The Clerk has written to Community Right at Shropshire Council – a response is awaited.
	791/20	Write to Owen Patterson MP to ask for legislation to be introduced to regulate the size of vehicles that can travel along narrow country lanes.	Yes	Response awaited.
		 Write to the local farmer expressing concern about damage to Offa's Dyke. Write to Shropshire Council to ask what can be legally done about 	Yes Yes	Yareal have telephoned with a response which will be followed in writing. Response awaited.
	794/20	large vehicles using narrow country lanes. Listing of Maesbury Bone Works	Work in progress	The Clerk will be applying to list this building on behalf of Shropshire Council due to Shropshire Council not having time.
	798/20	Write to Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency to ask whether pollution of the River Morda has increased, decreased or stabilised since it was polluted in 2018 and how the level of pollution compares to other areas.	Yes	Response awaited.

Clerk's Monthly Report

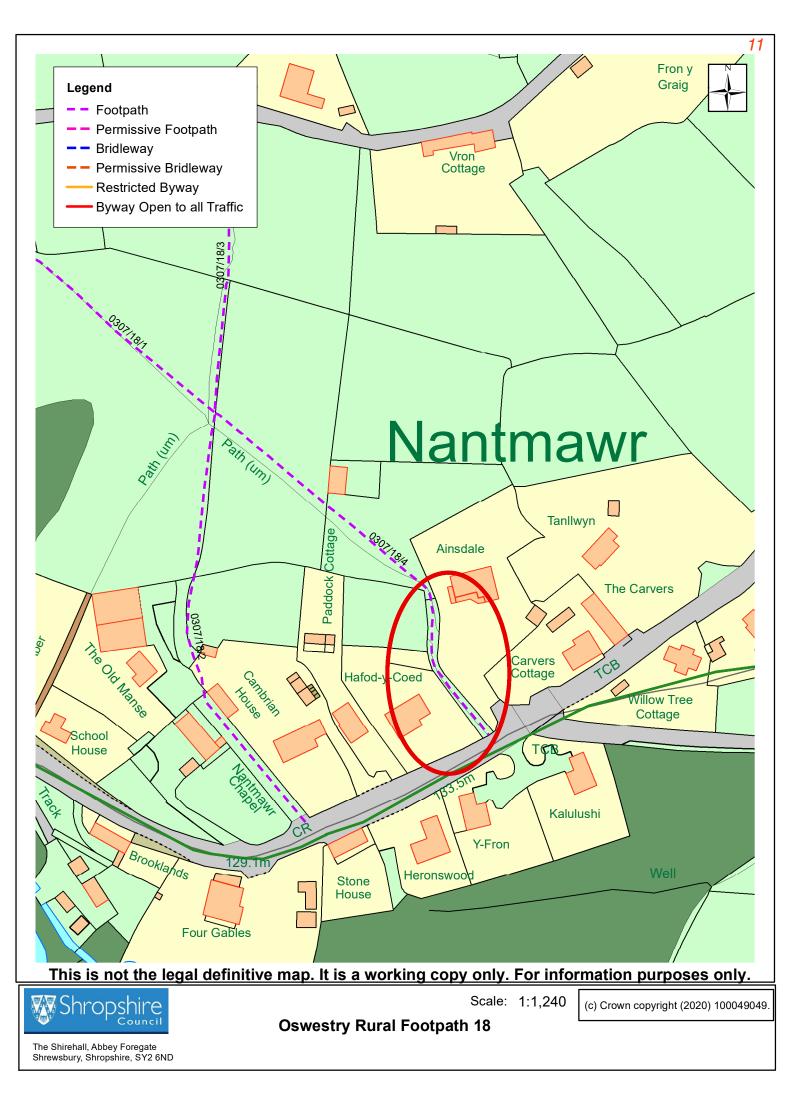
MONTH	MINUTE	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK	COMMENTS
	NUMBER		COMPLETE	
	804/20	Arrange for the new notice board to be installed and replace the one in	Work in	The one removed from Trefonen will be stored in the brick building at
		Trefonen.	progress	Trefarclawdd cemetery until its destiny is determined.
	806/20	Apply for grant aid for the refurbishment of the hand pump at Aston	Yes	An application for grant aid has been submitted to Severn Trent Water
		Square.		but the lowest amount that can be applied for is £2,000. Further
				grants will be sought.

TO NOTE:

Some months ago, at the request of Cllr. Phil May, the Clerk contacted the Rights of Way Team at Shropshire Council to report a quad bike and a horse using rural footpath 18. A map of the area is appended. The Rights of Way Officer has provided the following response:

"Since that time I have also had a number of complaints from person/s who wish to remain anonymous. As such I am unable to inform them of progress. If you are aware of who it/they may be, I would be grateful if you could please forward this response. I have now had the opportunity to investigate the issue and have written to the person who I believe to be responsible. Essentially, I do not believe that this person either owns the track along which FP18 runs, or has a registered easement to use the route with a mechanically propelled vehicle or with a horse. I have warned them that it is an offence under Section 31(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a public footpath, bridleway or restricted byway without lawful authority. Road traffic offences are not an area which this team can deal with; rather they are matters for the police to investigate. As such, if you continue to receive problems with the use of this footpath by this individual, I would advise that you report it to the police. I have also informed the person concerned of this advice to the complainants. I am happy for you to give my contact details to the police, if you think it would assist, and I will provide what background information I can.".

The Clerk took 2 weeks' annual leave during September so some tasks are still outstanding.



Subject: Natural England Complaint 7581

Date: Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 15:08:04 British Summer Time

From: SM-NE-Customer Feedback (NE)
To: clerk@oswestryrural-pc.gov.uk

Attachments: Picture (Device Independent Bitmap) 1.jpg

Dear Sharon Clayton,

Further to your complaint dated 6th of August 2020, I am writing to confirm that you will receive a response to your complaint by the 16th of October 2020.

We would like to sincerely apologise for the delays in response to your complaint.

Due to the circumstances and the nature of the complaints we have received regarding this camp site, we are having to undertake further investigations which is causing the response time to extend longer than usual.

We are striving to take into account all information available in order to give you a full and complete response to your complaint. Due to awaiting responses from other parties and the confounding effect of COVID, this has taken much longer than anticipated.

Please do get in touch if you have additional information you would like to add, or if you have any questions about how your complaint is being dealt with, please can you direct this to the customer feedback mailbox.

Our complaints procedure can be found on our website: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/contact_us/complaints/default.aspx

Thank you for your patience regarding this matter.

Kind regards,

Sally Sinclair

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Income and expenditure to date:

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	BALANCE
31-Mar-20	£	£	£ B/F 135659.56
2020 April	7283.57	80,728.37	216387.93
May	2940.29	1,108.04	217495.97
June	1734.61	57.23	215818.59
July	2469.98	456.19	216274.78
August	1724.64	10954.08	225504.22
September			
October			
November			
December 2021 January			
February			
March			
BALANCE	(16,153.09)	93,303.91	212,810.38
	(10,155.05)	33,303.31	212,010.36
	at 31 August 2020:		
Current account 1		3763.44	
Deposit account 1		183993.6	
Reserve account	21514768	53.34	
PSDF		25000.00	
		212810.38	

Expenditure	Budget	Balance	August	Allocated Reserves
Common Administrative of	2020/2021		2020	reserves
General Administration	642.070.00	67.664.76	CE 20E 24	
Clerk Salary / Employer NI / Home	£12,970.00	£7,664.76	£5,305.24	
Working Allowance				
Stationery	£700.00	£374.05	£325.95	
Postage	£360.00	£253.60	£106.40	
Clerk Travel Costs	£660.00	£591.60	£68.40	
Audit Fee (internal)	£300.00	£300.00		
Audit Fee (external)	£90.00	£90.00		
Professional/Legal Fees	£500.00	£500.00		£1,000.0
Insurance	£800.00	(£15.56)	£815.56	
Meeting Room Hire	£500.00	£410.05	£89.95	
SALC Subscription	£1,600.00	£13.12	£1,586.88	
SLCC Subscription	£246.00	£246.00		
Data Protection	£35.00	£35.00		
Quality Award Scheme	£0.00			£150.00
Communication				
Newsletter	£500.00	£500.00		£2,000.00
Website	£250.00	£40.00	210.00	·
Notice board repair/replacement	£7,125.00	£3,750.00	£3,375.00	
Training				
Clerk	£500.00	£500.00		
General (Councillor)	£400.00	£400.00		£275.00
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Elections	£3,430.00	£3,430.00		
Parish Maintenance				
Street Lights - electricity	£960.00	£487.92	£472.08	
Street Lights - repairs	£250.00	£250.00		
Street Lights - new	£0.00			£2,000.00
Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries	£3,340.00	£1,860.00	£1,480.00	
Grounds Maintenance - Green Spaces	£3,340.00	£1,810.00	£1,530.00	
Grounds Maintenance - New Green Spaces	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		
Morton Churchyard	£425.00	£0.00	£425.00	
Bus Shelter - cleaning	£650.00	£434.00	£216.00	
General Repairs	£200.00	£200.00		
Leisure and Community				
	£3 €£0 00	£3 €3E 00	£3E 00	£1,000,00
General Power of Competence	£3,650.00	£3,625.00	£25.00	£1,000.00
Strategic Plan Morda Villago Hall	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		£6,812.00
Morda Village Hall Tony Chaotham Community Crant Award	CE2 00	(5.7.00		£2,000.0
Tony Cheetham Community Grant Award	£52.00	£52.00		
Contingency	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		
AED	£0.00			£400.0
Sub Total	£46,833.00	£30,801.54	£16,031.46	
Neighbourhood Fund Projects	i			£6,643.00

Allocated reserv	es					£22,280.00
Unallocated rese	Unallocated reserves (Neighbourhood Funds)					£31,471.00
					TOTAL	£53,751.00
General reserve	S					£58,958.00
Total reserves					Approved	£112,709.00
Total net expen	diture		£46,833.00	£30,801.54	£16,031.46	
VAT			0	0	£121.63	
Total gross expe	enditure				£16,153.09	
Income			Budget	Balance	August	
			2020/2021		2020	
Precept			£45,583.00	£0.00	£45,583.00	
Cemetery Fees			£1,000.00	£10,400.00	£11,400.00	
Interest			£200.00	£111.89	£88.11	
Donations			£50.00	£1,050.00	£1,100.00	
Grants received			£0.00			
Sub total			£46,833.00		£58,171.11	
Neigbourhood F	und				£34,405.40	
Total net income	•		£46,833.00		£92,576.51	
VAT refunds			-		£727.40	
Total income re	soived.		+		£93,303.91	
i otal income re	ceivea				193,303.91	



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Account Summary	
Opening Balance	173,989 .52
Payments In	10,004.08
Payments Out	0.00
Closing Balance	183,993.60

Interest Rate - Valid as at end date of the statement period

International Bank Account Number GB32HBUK40353211313924

Branch Identifier Code HBUKGB4148G

31 July to 30 August 2020

Account Name Oswestry Rural Parish Council
 Sortcode
 Account Number Sheet Number

 40-35-32
 11313924
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Your Bu	siness	Money Manager details			
Date	Payi	ment type and details	Paid out	Paid in	Balance
30 Jul 20		BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD			173,989.52
04 Aug 20	CR	PUBLIC SECTOR DEPO		4.08	173,993.60
24 Aug 20	CR	SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL		10,000.00	183,993.60
30 Aug 20		BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			183,993.60

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29 July to 28 August 2020

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Payments In	0.00
Payments Out	0.00
Closing Balance	53,34

Interest Rate - Valid as at end date of the statement period

International Bank Account Number GB14HBUK40353221514768 Branch Identifier Code

HBUKGB4148G

Account Name Sortcode Account Number Sheet Number

Oswestry Rural Parish Council 40-35-32 21514768 101

Your Busin	ess Money Manager d	details			
Date	Payment type and details		Paid out	Paid in	Balance
28 Jul 20	BALANCE BROUGHT FOR	RWARD			53.34
28 Aug 20	BALANCE CARRIED FORV	WARD			53.34

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Payments In 950.00

Payments Out 1,724.64

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International Bank Account Number

GB84HBUK40353210649120

Branch Identifier Code HBUKGB4148G

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31 July to 30 August 2020

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30 Aug 20

SHARON CLAYTON SALARY AND EXPENSE

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD

Account Name

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Sortcode Account Number Sheet Number 40-35-32 10649120 628

Your Community Account details Date Payment type and details Paid out Paid in Balance BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 30 Jul 20 4,538.08 CHQ IN AT 403532 11 Aug 20 CR100.00 4,638.08 DAVID DAVIES & SON 13 Aug 20 CR STOCKDALE 500.00 5,138.08 19 Aug 20 CR K03355446 350.00 5,488.08 Mrs Debbie Young 26 Aug 20 BP HMRC PAYE/NIC CUMB 168.52 671PR00169499 BP ROYCE LANDSCAPES OSWESTRY RURAL PC 615.00

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Credit Interest Rates	b a lanc e	variab le	Debit Interest Rates	balance	variable
Credit interest is not paid			Debit interest		21.34%

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STATEMENT

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CLIENT: OSWESTRY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT NAME: Oswestry Rural Parish Council

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0132240001PC

	Statement at 31 August 2020				
Date	Description	Value of shares sold £	Value of shares bought £	Balance of shares held £	Share Class
01/08/20	Brought Forward Carried Forward			25,000.00 25,000.00	

Statem	ent of Dividends paid during the month to 31	August 2020
Date	Receiving Account	Amount Paid £
28-08-20	Nominated bank account	2.88

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TITLE OF REPORT:	ROAD SAFETY
REPORT BY:	Clerk - Sharon Clayton
BACKGROUND:	The Road Safety Working Group held a Zoom meeting on 3 August 2020 when the following actions were agreed: Arrange a site visit with a Shropshire Council highways officer to meet with residents and Parish Councillors. Find out what Shropshire Council's policy is on speed enforcement and whether there is any funding available e.g. CIL money might be available dependent on the Place Plan for Oswestry. Find out if there is any funding available from the PCC. Place a petition in the village shop. Determine what village status is. Actioned - Coed Y Go is a hamlet. Explore which category of speed limit can be implemented. Request funding for buffer bars. Ask Shropshire Council for a traffic risk assessment. Find out the name of the authors of 'A Safer Weston'. Actioned Local residents to prepare to monitor traffic movement. When sufficient information had been gathered another meeting would be facilitated. Only two of the above have been actioned as it is not clear who is responsible for implementing the agreed actions.
ISSUES:	Speeding issues will continue if further action is not taken.
LEGAL OBLIGATIONS:	None.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	Unknown.
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	A safer environment for local residents and road users.
PROPOSAL:	To consider and approve the above actions and who will be responsible.

Date of meeting at which this will be considered:	29 September 2020

TITLE OF REPORT:	REMEMBRANCE 2020
REPORT BY:	Clerk - Sharon Clayton
BACKGROUND:	Each year the Parish Council organises a Remembrance Service that takes place at Trefonen Cross. This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 8 November 2020.
	The Chairman lays a wreath from the Parish Council on behalf of the parishioners of Oswestry Rural and a short service is given by the local vicar and attended by a bugler and a few members of the local community.
	A road closure in put in place to ensure the safety of those gathered for the event.
ISSUES:	With the COVID-19 regulations any service taking place this year will need to take account of social distancing rules and a risk assessment will need to be in place.
	The current advice is:
	Any potentially harmful gatherings should be discouraged.
	People should keep a minimum of 1m apart if it is not possible to keep 2m apart.
	There should be no more than 6 people in a group and groups should not mingle with other groups.
	Face masks must be worn in buildings and enclosed spaces that are open to members of the public.
	It is unclear whether face masks must be worn in outdoor public gatherings.
	Source: Cabinet Office - information available at:
	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-
	and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do (accessed 21.9.20)
LEGAL OBLIGATIONS:	Health and Safety.
	Government Rules and guidance on meeting up.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	Approximately £62.50 for poppy wreaths and crosses.
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	To gather and remember those who gave their lives during wartime.
CLERK'S COMMENTS:	This report has been produced following guidance from the National Association of Civic Officers (NACO) and the Cabinet Office.
PROPOSAL:	To consider and approve plans for this year's Remembrance Service.

Date of meeting at which this will be considered:	29 September 2020



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Response to Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review Consultation

Trefonen

The Parish Council has raised many issues with this Plan and visited planners at the Shirehall, but nothing has changed. The Council has objected to the Hub status for Trefonen and the additional 50 dwellings up to 2038. Realistically what developer can afford to build one or two houses a year? They will either want to build the whole allocation or at least earmark a site for growth. Could this be what is planned for the site in Trefonen under the guise of Affordable/Cross Subsidy Exception sites? The Parish Council has invited the developer (STAR Housing) to discuss their plans with residents although no response has been received. No local need has been identified, Trefonen does not have any "Significant employment" or "peak time transport" so the points system is flawed.

Proposed "Community Hub" Status

The Parish Council considers that Trefonen is NOT suitable to be designated as a "Community Hub" and argues as follows:

- 1) It is noted that, among other matters, hub status is assessed on a points basis and that Trefonen is said to have a "score" of 48 the lowest for a community hub. It is clear that several of the matters considered give a false impression of the current level of sustainability and/or services.
 - Whilst there is a bus service to and from Oswestry, it is very limited indeed.
 - The school is very nearly full and it appears that it cannot expand on its current restricted site. It does not have a dedicated car park the adjacent car park is technically limited to use by the village hall.
 - There is a library but only in the form of a mobile visit every other week.
 - The shop is somewhat limited in its capacity. Current usage and shopping patterns suggest that, in normal times (i.e. no Covid-19) many of Trefonen's inhabitants only use the shop in an emergency. They tend to use local supermarkets and/or home delivery.
- 2) It has been acknowledged that, effectively, there are no real employment opportunities. Given that, for the period between now and 2038, any future employment in the Oswestry area is likely to be focussed on the proposed enterprise site or business "parks" on the eastern side of Oswestry, it makes no sense to establish a hub to the south-west of the town; thus increasing traffic through and around the town.
- 3) Effluent from the village is passed down towards the water treatment near the Maesbury Road/A483 crossroads via a main sewer running to the north of Trefonen Brook. It has been stated in the past that the capacity of this outgoing sewer is sufficient for any future development of the village. Given that there have been reports that, on a number of occasions, there has been leakage after heavy rain from a manhole near the bottom of the field behind Woodland View, this assertion seems unlikely to be correct.
- 4) The matters referred to below also provide arguments against hub status:

Traffic and access to Oswestry and Beyond

- 1) The unclassified road through the village is a major through route from the Tanat Valley into Oswestry. Traffic is noticeably increasing.
- 2) Unless on a very small-scale further development in the village would result in significant additional traffic to and from Oswestry (and beyond) particularly at the morning peak time. There are already increasing morning traffic hold-ups at the entry to the town from before Oswestry School and on down Upper Brook Street. Increased traffic from Trefonen would exacerbate this rapidly growing problem.
- 3) The proposed development immediately outside the parish (see Pre-Submission Draft, Schedule S14.1(i). Residential Allocations: OSW017 Land at Trefonen Road) would very significantly worsen the traffic hold-ups.
- 4) As mentioned above (para.1, ii), travel to and from places of likely local employment and further afield would, in the main, require access to use or cross the A5 (or the A483). Leaving aside any limited travel to the south, the only routes from Trefonen are Oswestry Road and through Morda (Weston Road). Neither route is suitable for significantly increased traffic.

Proposed Residential Guideline

Referring to Pre-Submission Draft, S14.2. Community Hubs: Oswestry Place Plan Area, it is noted that a Residential Guideline of 55 dwellings has be proposed. The Council considers the arguments for this number to be flawed.

It is understood that this number has be developed on the basis of continuing the rate of completed dwellings during the 10 years preceding the plan period. Given that completions during that time amounted to around 1.5 per year, a rate of 2.5 per annum does <u>not</u> continue the current rate.

Countryside Status, Development Boundary and Possible Long-term Sites

- 1) The Council has, at the time of the "Preferred Sites Consultation", expressed the view that Trefonen should continue to be "Countryside" with a limited number of "Affordable Homes" for <u>local</u> people and the current assessment policy for "Rural Exceptions" and "Affordable Housing" being applied.
- 2) The proposed development boundary changes may lead to speculative attempts to develop further sites adjacent to the small extensions on the west of the main road. These areas are almost all on the hillside with very limited access via narrow roads entirely unsuitable for increased traffic.
- 3) Whilst the Council reserves to right to make detailed comments if and when any of the sites suggested as Long Term Potential SLAA Residential Sites are subject to further consideration, the following comments are put forward at this stage:
 - Sites 06, 08 and 010 have already been the subject of rejected development applications.
 - Sites 04, 05, 010 & 011 give rise to concerns about access mentioned in (2) above.
 - <u>Sites 01, 09 & 015</u> All of these sites along the line of the Trefonen Brook have been the subject of rejection in past planning consultations. If built upon, significantly threaten the rural landscape of the valley along the stream. This area was in the past designated as of special landscape quality.

Now that the 'Planning for the Future White Paper' has been produced it blows holes in the draft Local Plan. New housing will be dictated by the government; not local planning authorities and no opportunity to object to development plans as there will be no local design code. New fixed rate infrastructure levy will replace S106 and CIL plus other changes.

Should there be any significant development there must be improvements to local amenities, roads and transport links as it will impact on local roads, school places, crime and policing, employment opportunities and a knock-on effect to the surrounding villages and hamlets.

Rhydycroesau and Llanforda

Realistically, apart from disused farm buildings being converted into homes, and although there is a local need for affordable housing in the area, the young people looking for affordable homes tend to look at Oswestry rather than areas within the parish of Oswestry Rural. Young people and their families cannot afford to buy homes in the ward. New people move in and it is them that do not want to see any new development; not the local families that have lived and worked in the area for generations. Rhydycroesau is a lovely village, with a church and village hall that is very pro-active, but there is no desire for any new homes.

Other Comments

The Parish Council supports the response made by the Trefonen Rural Protection Group.